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REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer,

OF THE

TOWN OF GREENVILLE,

RENDERED MARCH 1, 1880,

WITH THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR,

AND

LIBRARIAN.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.

Cash in the Treasury March 1, 1879,	$955 56
Received of James Taft, Collector, interest on tax 1876,	17 85
" " " " " " " 1877,	8 06
" " " " " 1878,	123 77
" " Chas E. Hall, Collector 1879,	7,412 57
" " Selectmen,	10,972 42
	$19,490 23

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Paid Orders drawn on the Treasurer,	$19,054 63
Cash in the Treasury, March 1, 1880,	435 60
	$19,490 23

M. C. DODGE, *Treasurer.*

Greenville, March 1, 1880.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT,

FOR the YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1880.

Cash Received by Selectmen.

Borrowed on Town notes,	$9,350 00
For rent of Town House,	567 65
Execution against the town of Mason,	143 00
Of town of Mason for School Dist. No. 3,	88 18
For dog licenses,	75 00
Savings Bank Tax,	557 94
Literary Fund,	85 47
Railroad Tax,	21 00
Insurance Tax,	7 50
Of Hillsborough County, pauper expenses,	7 00
Of State, bounty on two foxes,	1 00
For Circus License,	2 00
For tar, fence and old iron,	5 78
For paint stock,	21 00
For Library catalogues, fines, &c.,	19 90
Of C. H. Burns, fines collected,	20 00
	$10,972 42

Expenditures.

Paid Notes and interest,	$12,558 51

State and County Tax.

Paid State Tax,	1,148 00
County Tax,	1,137 65
	$2,285 65

Support of Schools.

Paid James Taft for Dist. No. 1 for 1878,	$380 00
G. H. Livingston for Dist. No. 1 for 1879,	1,023 38
B. G. Livingston, " " " 2,	105 00
A. E. Adams, " " " 3,	175 00
Frank E. Sawyer school tax on Titcomb farm for 1879,	3 91
A. Winship, tuition of scholars,	7 10
	$1,694 39

Pauper Expenses.

Paid E. B. Barrett, team and service in Lucy Davis case,	4 00
Wm. Sawtell, burying paupers,	3 50
O. D. Prescott, goods furnished Mrs. Jeremiah McCuddy,	5 00
	$12 50

Highways and Bridges.

Paid Milton H. Hardy, surveyor for 1879,	$753 41
O. D. Prescott, for tools,	2 26
Otis D. Dana " "	5 12
J. L. Chamberlin, for bridge plank,	27 06
J. L. Chamberlin, for lumber for guide posts,	1 44
Thomas Hays, making guide posts,	2 90
Wm. Sawtell, painting guide boards,	3 50
N. P. Farrar, setting guide posts,	90
	$796 59

Breaking Roads.

Paid H. M. Livingston, breaking roads,	$14 20
M. H. Hardy, " "	53 60
J. L. Chamberlin, " " in 1877-'78,	7 85
	$75 65

Street Lamps.

Paid Geo. W. Pierce, lighting lamps,	$91 60
O. D. Prescott, kerosene oil,	24 55
N. P. Farrar, 11 1-2 doz. chimneys,	12 08
Wm. Sawtell, repairing lanterns,	1 93
	$130 16

Bounties.

Paid N. P. Farrar, bounty on two foxes,	$ 1 00

Police Services.

Paid George H. Preston,	$ 1 60
C. E. Ferson,	2 00
Thomas E. Marshall,	1 50
	$ 5 10

Town Officers.

Paid John Kenney, services as Auditor,	$ 1 00
C. G. Corey, services as School Committee for 1878,	8 09
Chas. E. Marsh, services as School Committee for 1878,	26 00
J. L. Chamberlin, Treasurer for 1877-78,	50 00
J. Taft, services as Selectmen after settlement,	6 00
John Janes, services as Supervisor,	5 00
Andrew Henry, " " "	4 00
George H. Livingston, services as Supervisor,	4 00
M. C. Dodge, services as Treasurer, 1879,	25 00
Chas. E. Marsh, services as Town Clerk, 1879,	24 60
Chas. E. Hall, " " Collector,	40 00
Chas. E. Hall, " " School Committee,	35 00
S. H. Bacon, " " Selectman, 24 days,	48 00
N. P. Farrar, " " " " "	48 00
Thomas Hays, " " " 20 days,	40 00
	$ 364 69

Library.

Paid Thomas E. Marshall, services as librarian,	$44 50
Wm. M. Sargent, printing catalogues,	16 00
Chas. E. Marsh, printing cards,	3 50
J. L. Chamberlin, for lumber,	6 24
J. L. Chamberlin, labor on Book-case,	14 96
Chas. F. Marshall, cloth for doors,	5 75
O. D. Prescott, butts, screws, nails, &c.,	3 05
N. P. Farrar, stove pipe,	7 51
Thomas Hays, labor on book shelves,	16 50
Wm. Sawtell, painting book shelves,	7 73
	$125 74

Town House.

Paid S. H. Bacon, care of Town house,	$ 5 00
Geo. W. Pierce, janitor of Town house,	69 00
Elliot Merriam, cleaning " "	5 93
Jerry McCuddy, " " "	85
O. D. Prescott, oil, wicks, matches,	12 92
H. M. Livingston, coal,	38 83
J. L. Chamberlin, lumber,	1 18
J. L. Chamberlin, labor,	43
Thomas Hays, labor on hitching rails,	2 25
N. P. Farrar, repairing conductor and ironing hitching rails,	12 44
N. P. Farrar, lamps, shades, burners, &c.,	6 90
S. H. Bacon, 1-2 cord wood,	1 25
S. H. Bacon, feather duster,	1 65
Wm. Sawtell, glass, putty, &c.,	1 64
	$160 27

Abatement of Taxes.

Jacob H. Batchelder,	$ 1 35
Louis Belhemeur,	1 35
Arthur Bosse,	1 35
Oliver Carden,	1 35

James C. Forbush,	1 35
Joseph Paul,	1 36
R. P. Richardson,	1 35
Charles W. Russell,	1 35
Benjamin Doherty,	1 12
	$11 92

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid Chas. E. Marsh, printing reports of 1879,	$ 20 30
George D. Burton, six street lamps,	70 00
Charles E. Marsh, printing,	6 32
" " " " dog licenses,	3 60
M. Kimball, use of scraper,	12 00
Wadleigh & Wallace, counsel fees in line case,	380 00
A. W. Sawyer, counsel fees in line case,	82 00
Brooks & Davis, express charges,	1 00
L. C. B. Phelps, express charges,	2 50
John S. Brown, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
C. W. Kyle, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
M. Kimball, maintaining watering tub,	3 00
A. E. Adams, use of land for winter road,	2 00
Winchendon Road Scraper Co., two road scrapers,	50 00
Firemen for services,	96 28
N. P. Farrar, use of team,	11 36
Thomas Hays, use of team,	2 00
E. B. Barrett, use of team,	1 25
M. V. B. Greene, blanks,	3 30
S. H. Bacon, freight and postage,	1 25
C. E. Hall, stationery,	4 05
C. H. Burns, counsel fees 1878 & 79,	25 00
J. H. Barrett, damage to team,	25 00
G. F. Munsey, returning births and deaths,	4 25
Wadleigh & Wallace, counsel fees 1879,	20 00
	$832 46

Recapitulation.

Paid Notes and interest,	$12,558 51

Paid State and county tax,	2,285 65
Support of schools,	1,694 39
Pauper Expenses,	12 50
Highways and bridges,	796 59
Breaking roads,	75 65
Street lamps,	130 16
Bounties,	1 00
Police services,	5 10
Town officers,	364 69
Library,	125 74
Town house,	160 27
Abatement of taxes,	11 92
Miscellaneous expenses,	832 46
	$19,054 63

GREENVILLE, March 1st, 1880.

We have examined the foregoing accounts for the year ending February 28, 1880, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. W. STEVENSON, }
JOHN KENNEY, } *Auditors.*

Condition of Finances, March 1, 1880.

The town is indebted for outstanding notes and interest to March 1, 1880,	$30,217 83
Due School District No. 1,	50 00
Due School District No. 2,	5 74
Due School District No. 3,	37 47
Due School District No. 0,	5 44
	$30,316 48

Available Assets of the Town.

Balance in the Treasury, March 1, 1880,	$435 60
Balance in Collector's hands, March 1, 1880,	65 93
	$501 53
Total debt of the town,	$29,814 95
Literary Fund for 1879 not appropriated,	86 21

The Selectmen report that they have settled all bills contracted since March 1, 1879, and that they have paid the following unadjusted bills contracted prior to March 1, 1879.

J. L. Chamberlin,	$90 70
M. Kimball,	12 00
George D. Burton,	70 00
Wadleigh & Wallace,	380 00
A. W. Sawyer,	82 00
C. H. Burns,	15 00
C. G. Corey,	8 09
	$657 79

The Following Claims Remain Unadjusted:

Wm. Edwards & Co.,	$50 00
John Kenney,	46 00
Moses Merriam,	150 00
J. L. Chamberlain,	134 50
	$484 50

The Selectmen recommend that the following sums be raised and appropriated for the year 1880:

For Schools,	$1,030 00
Highways and Bridges,	800 00
Incidental expenses,	2,000 00
Town debt,	1,500 00

Total Valuation of 1879 by School Districts.

	Real and Personal Estate.	Polls.
District No. 1,	$467,364 00	230
District No. 2,	30,310 00	11
District No. 3,	18,664 00	12
District No. 0,	8,436 00	6
Value of Estate,	$524,774 00	259
Value of Polls,	25,900 00	
Total Valuation,	$550,674 00	

Amount of Tax Assessed in 1879.

District No. 1,	$6,620 16	Dog Tax,	$ 33 00
District No. 2,	424 08	Dog Tax,	2 00
District No. 3,	268 19	Dog Tax,	0
District No. 0,	122 01	Dog Tax,	0
	$7,434 44		
Dog Tax,	35 00		
	$7,479 44		
School House Tax, District No. 1,			$102 93

Appropriations for 1879.

Schooling,	$1,000 00
Highways and Bridges,	800 00
Incidental Expenses,	3,000 00
State Tax,	1,148 00

County Tax,	1,137 65
	$7,085 65
Overlay,	348 79
	$7,434 44
Rate of Taxes for 1879 on $1,000	$13 50

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN H. BACON,
NATHAN P. FARRAR,
THOMAS HAYS,
} *Selectmen of Greenville.*

Greenville, March 1st, 1880.

Surveyor's Report for the Year Ending March 1st, 1880.

DR.

Cash received of Treasurer by order of Selectmen,	$807 01

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Paid for labor of horses,	$148 06
For labor of men,	547 24
For stone, gravel and lumber,	34 13
For tools and repairing the same,	24 04
For breaking roads from April 1, '79, to Mar. 1, 1880,	53 60
	$807 01

M. H. HARDY, *Surveyor.*

Librarian's Report.

The Greenville Town Library was first opened March 22nd, 1879, with 547 books; 393 cards have been issued,—5 of them to persons out of town. Books have been taken out as follows:

March,	242	September,	370
April,	677	October,	342
May,	637	November,,	509
June,	456	December,	448
July,	423	January,	570
August,	526	February,	486
			5686

Number of books at the start,	547
Books received not catalogued,	44
	591

Received for catalogues,	$12 30
Received for fines,	5 10
Received for cards out of town,	2 50
	$19 90

THOS. E. MARSHALL, *Librarian.*

Greenville, March 1st, 1880.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 29, 1880.

The school year just closed has been one of general prosperity. The teachers have all been experienced and the scholars have mainly been attentive and seemingly willing to profit from the advantages to be gained in the school room. The whole season has been free from any general sickness and the winter has been mild so that the average attendance has been pretty good. With one exception the teachers engaged at the beginning of the season have held their position for the whole year. This is advantageous when the teacher is fitted for the situation, for each change in teachers brings a new face and new methods into the school room. Frequent changes are always undesirable unless the new teacher shall bring some improvement in mode of instruction. Unless there is some good reason for a change, nothing less than a year's relationship ought to exist between teacher and pupil. The usual statistics of each school, instead of being printed twice as heretofore, this year will be found only in the table at the end of this report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, George H. Livingston.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

This school, though nominally graded, has at times a rather miscellaneous arrangement of classes. Frequently classes are sent

up to this room in order to make place in the intermediate school for the overflow from the primary department. This involuntary grading occurs usually at the beginning of the summer and fall terms for the pressure of little scholars in the primary school is then greater. These changes in the summer and fall terms occasioned some crowding of classes in the grammar school, but by using all of the time, few, if any, of the scholars were neglected. In the winter the classes were concentrated as much as possible and an order of recitations was posted on the wall thus giving each class its allotted time. Mr. Newell discarded the Sixth Reader and National Arithmetic and gave the whole school most thorough drill in the Fifth Reader and and Common School Arithmetic. The whole school was also divided into two classes and given a course in Colburn's Arithmetic with excellent results. In these, as in other branches, good work has been done.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss Sarah B. Benson taught the summer school with pretty general satisfaction. She had some disadvantages to contend with in organizing and managing her school, but she kept an average attendance of forty out of forty-six scholars. The fall and winter terms were under the charge of Miss Abbie A. Stickney. She is a vigorous disciplinarian and a believer in thorough order and perfect lessons. The school room was quiet, the scholars studious, the classes stood in line and recited in a manner to show that there was no lack of drill or discipline.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, Mrs. Clara J. Shumway. Here we find the room completely filled with the smaller morsels of humanity, some of whom when they come in are unable to speak our language. Last summer the school numbered 76 scholars with an average of 66 and in the fall there were 75 scholars registered with an average attendance of 68, while there are only 62 seats in the school room. The extra scholars, above the number of seats, were distributed around in chairs or on the platform as the case might be, and on one occasion your committee found one sturdy urchin occupying the

stove hearth for want of a better seat. Much of the reading and spelling in this room is learned from the black board and from printing the lesson on slates and the methods of the teacher are such that those who are disposed can really learn quite fast. Mrs. Shumway had a little class in Spelling at the close of the winter term that was second to none in town.

DISTRICT NO 2.

Prudential committee, Benjamin G. Livingston. Teacher, Miss Sarah J. Jenkins.

If this school had three or four times as many pupils it would be more interesting to teacher and scholars. Your committee has visited the school four times and can say that Miss Jenkins did well for her little flock.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee, Abel E. Adams. Teacher, Miss Nellie E. Adams.

This school had the only Geometry scholar in town,but many of the pupils are yet quite small. Some very fair work was done in the summer and fall terms. In the winter a little more studiousness on the part of a few of the scholars, suggested or enforced,if necessary, by a very little moral muscular suasion, would have done no harm. Owing to the illness of the teacher, the school came to a sudden close and was visited only once. This district now has a deed of the land on which the school house stands.

The registers now in use in all the schools in this vicinity are too cumbersome and complicated for our ordinary public schools and ought to be supplanted by some more nearly alike the old ones which answered all ordinary requirements.

The school text books, (with the possible exception of the Grammars,) seem so well suited to our wants that no change has been found necessary.

Frank B. Kenney, Alice M. Hardy and Nellie Mullen have neither been absent nor tardy during the whole school year.

Respectfully,

C. E. HALL, *Sup't.*

District.	DEPARTMENTS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks.	Wages of Teacher, per Month.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Penmanship	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Geography.	No. in Grammar.	No. in U. S. History.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Book-keeping.	No. in Physiology.	No. in Geometry.	No. in Composition.	No. Visits by Supt. Committee.	No. Visits by Prudential Committee.	No. Visits by citizens.	No. not Absent or Tardy during term	No. between 14 and 21 years who cannot read or write.
	SUMMER TERM.																						
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	9	$46 00	28	22	28	27	27	27	16	27	2			2		28	3	1	3	4	25
1	Intermediate.	Miss Sarah B. Benson.	10	26 00	46	40	46	46	38	46	34								3	1	8	7	
1	Primary.	Mrs. Clara J. Shumway.	10	26 00	76	66	76	76	24	11									3	1	8	5	
2		Miss Sarah J. Jenkins.	8	20 00	7	6	7	7	4	4	3	2	2						2	1	17	1	
3		Miss Nellie E. Adams.	9	24 00	23	21	23	23	14	23	7	7					1		2		19		
	FALL TERM.																						
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	11	46 00	35	28	35	35		35	33	29	5	4					3	1	6	9	
1	Intermediate.	Miss Abbie A. Stickney.	12	26 00	45	37	44	44	40	43	22								3	1	12	5	
1	Primary.	Mrs. Clara J. Shumway.	12	26 00	75	68	75	75	20	12									3	1	7	7	
2		Miss Sarah J. Jenkins.	12	20 00	7	6	7	7	5	5	4	2	2						2	2	8		
3		Miss Nellie E. Adams.	9	24 00	24	22	24	24	16	21	10	7	1	1	1	1			2		12	1	
	WINTER TERM.																						
1	Grammar.	Mr. F. A. Newell.	12	46 00	31	26	31	31	25	31	21	27	5	4					3	1	4	9	
1	Intermediate.	Miss Abbie A. Stickney.	12	26 00	36	30	35	35	32	33	20								3	1	6	7	
1	Primary.	Mrs. Clara J. Shumway.	12	26 00	58	49	58	58	13	10									3	1	7	10	
3		Miss Nellie E. Adams.	7	32 00	26	24	26	26	22	23	9	7		1	1				1		4	1	